

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am signing Assembly Bill 61 in order to stabilize the current fiscal crisis in Compton Community College District (CCCD). This bill will provide needed clarification of the authority of the Board of Governors and the Chancellor of California Community Colleges to intervene and restore financial stability in CCCD.

However, I would note this bill does not adequately define the recovery process for CCCD. In the event that future legislation is necessary to address similar fiscal crises in this or other community college districts, such legislation should include provisions that ensure the following elements are included in the intervention:

- 1) An assessment of what led to the fiscal crisis.
- 2) An action plan for addressing deficiencies in district capacity or processes.
- 3) A process for assessing district progress in correcting deficiencies.
- 4) Benchmarks that indicate the presence of local capacity to manage fiscal duties.

Further, in regards to the fiscal crisis at hand, I would encourage the Board of Governors, the Chancellor and the CCCD to work together to restore their local capacity to manage the district. I call for these parties to incorporate in their work elements of recovery outlined above. Restoring local capacity for CCCD to manage its fiscal affairs is the only viable long-term solution to ensuring proper stewardship of public resources and student access to a quality community college education.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger